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SUBJECT: SECURITY OF PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ERITREA

REF: A. ASMARA 0116, B. STATE 37542

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF B AND WITH EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE, CONSOFF CONTACTED ALL TWELVE REMAINING PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ERITREA. THE THREAT TO THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF AMERICANS WAS REVIEWED WITH EACH CITIZEN AND EACH WAS ADVISED TO SERIOUSLY REASSESS HIS ESSENTIALITY IN ERITREA AT THIS TIME. ALL THE REMAINING AMERICANS ARE FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE GENERAL SITUATION AND THE

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THREAT TO AMERICANS.

2. CONGEN DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT ANY OF THE TEN AMERICANS RESIDING IN ASMARA WILL DEPART IN NEAR FUTURE AS RESULT OF LOCAL SITUATION. TWO MISSIONARIES IN GHINDA, HOWEVER, ARE CURRENTLY REASSESSING THEIR ROLE, AND ARE CONSIDERING LEAVING ERITREA. THESE CONSIDERATIONS ARE HASTENED BY THE RECENT REPORTED DEATH OF THEIR SENIOR ERITREAN
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EMPLOYEE, WHO THEY HAVE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO THEIR

OPERATIONS.

3. WE HAVE AGREED TO ASSIST AMERICANS IN GHINDA IN
COMMUNICATING WITH THEIR ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES.
WE WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY OF ULTIMATE DECISION
OF THESE TWO AMERICANS.
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